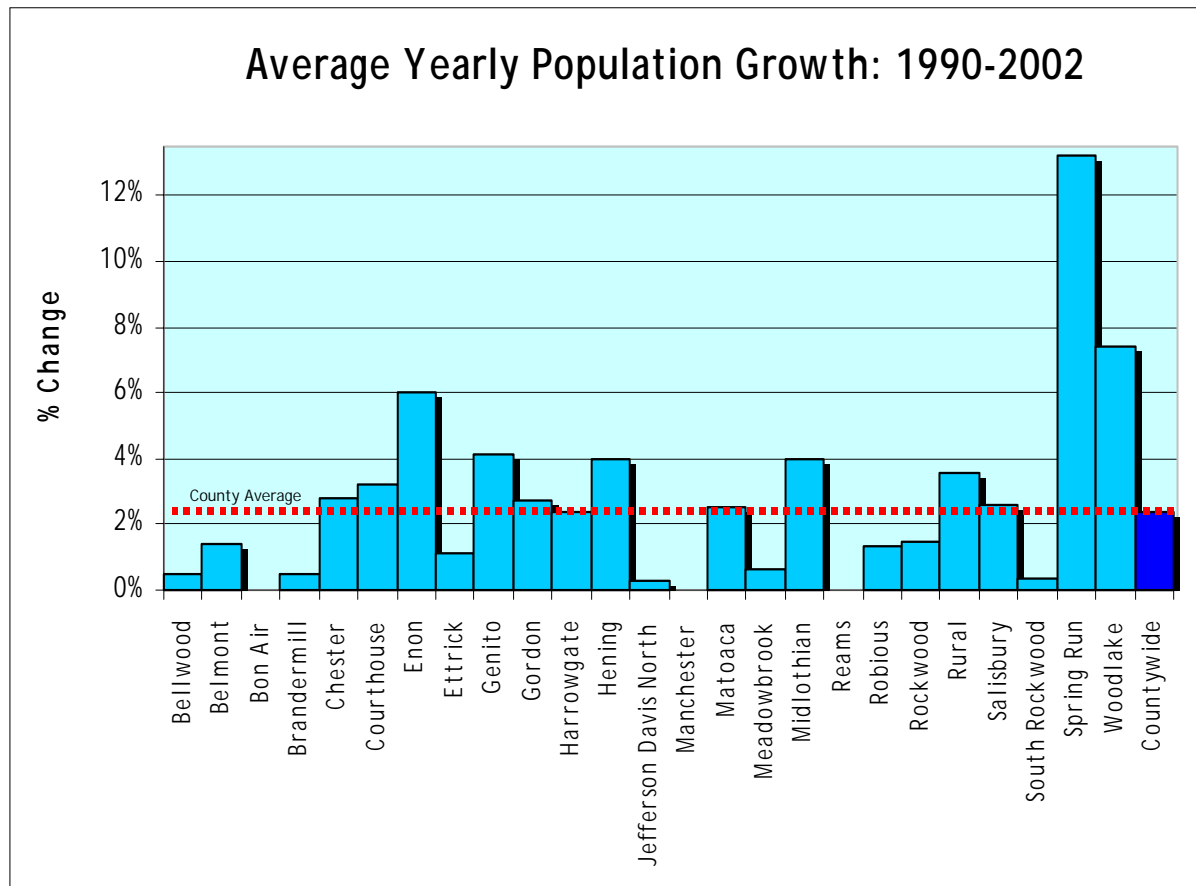


Population Trends and Projections

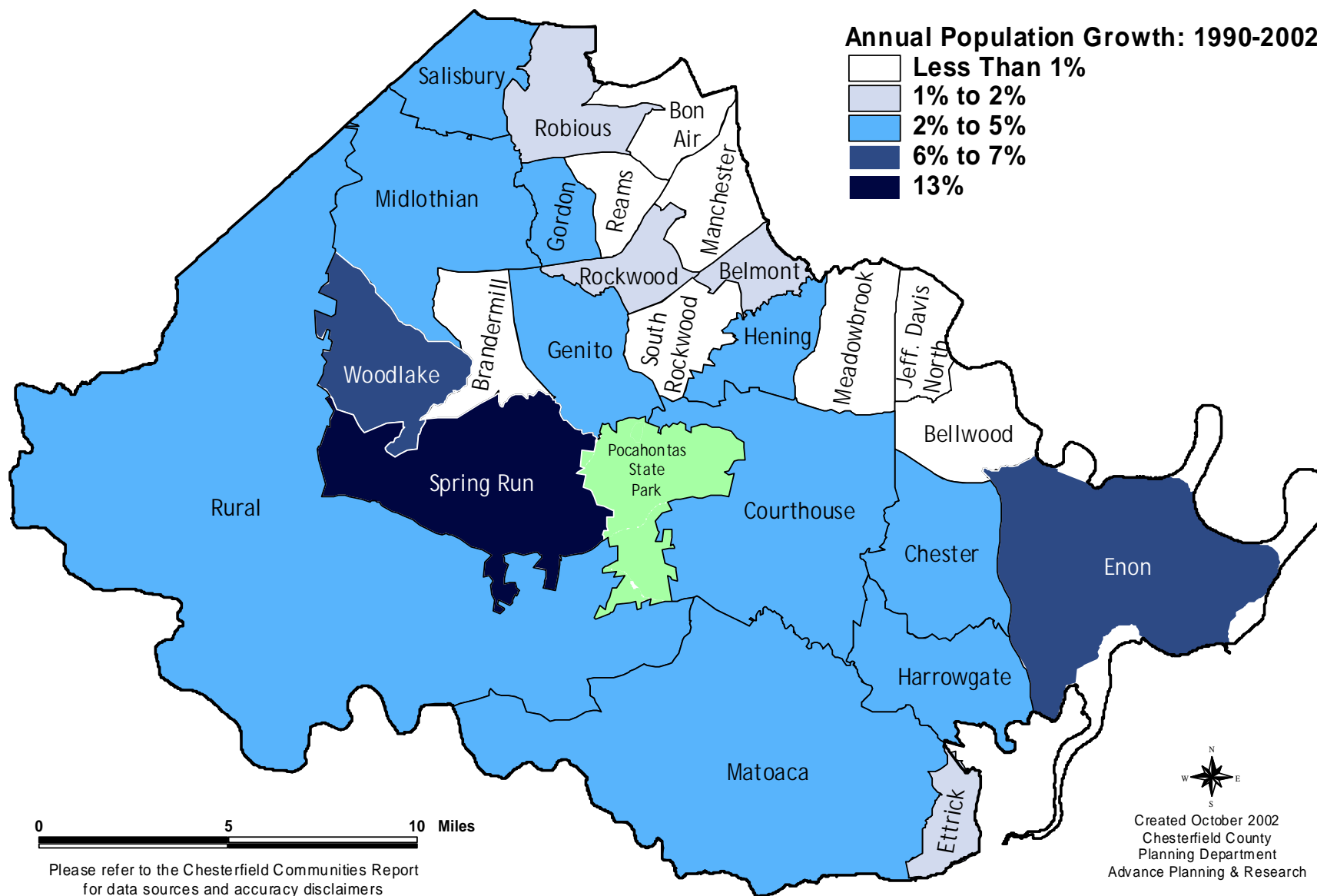
POPULATION TRENDS

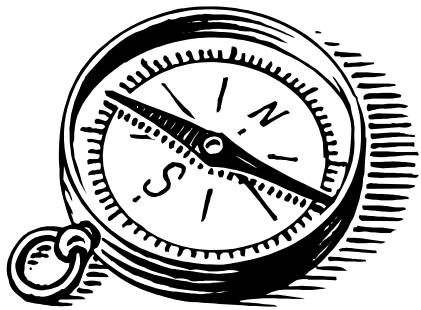
County population increased from 215,000 to 271,000 persons between 1990 and 2002. This growth rate equaled 4,650 additional persons per year, or an average yearly increase of 2.4%. Rapid population growth during the past decade was especially strong in Spring Run (13.2% per year) and Woodlake (7.4%). Bon Air and Reams experienced slight declines in population.

Population trends do not necessarily indicate community health. Some communities are built-out and others have much more vacant land, so there will be wide disparities between community growth trends. However, growth trends provide valuable insight about the rate of community change. Fast-growing communities often have rapidly increasing assessments, instability due to changing demographics, and dramatic land use changes. Residents of newer areas may also share concerns about the availability and adequacy of public facilities such as schools and roads, and the adequacy of businesses to provide needed services.



Annual Population GROWTH: 1990-2002

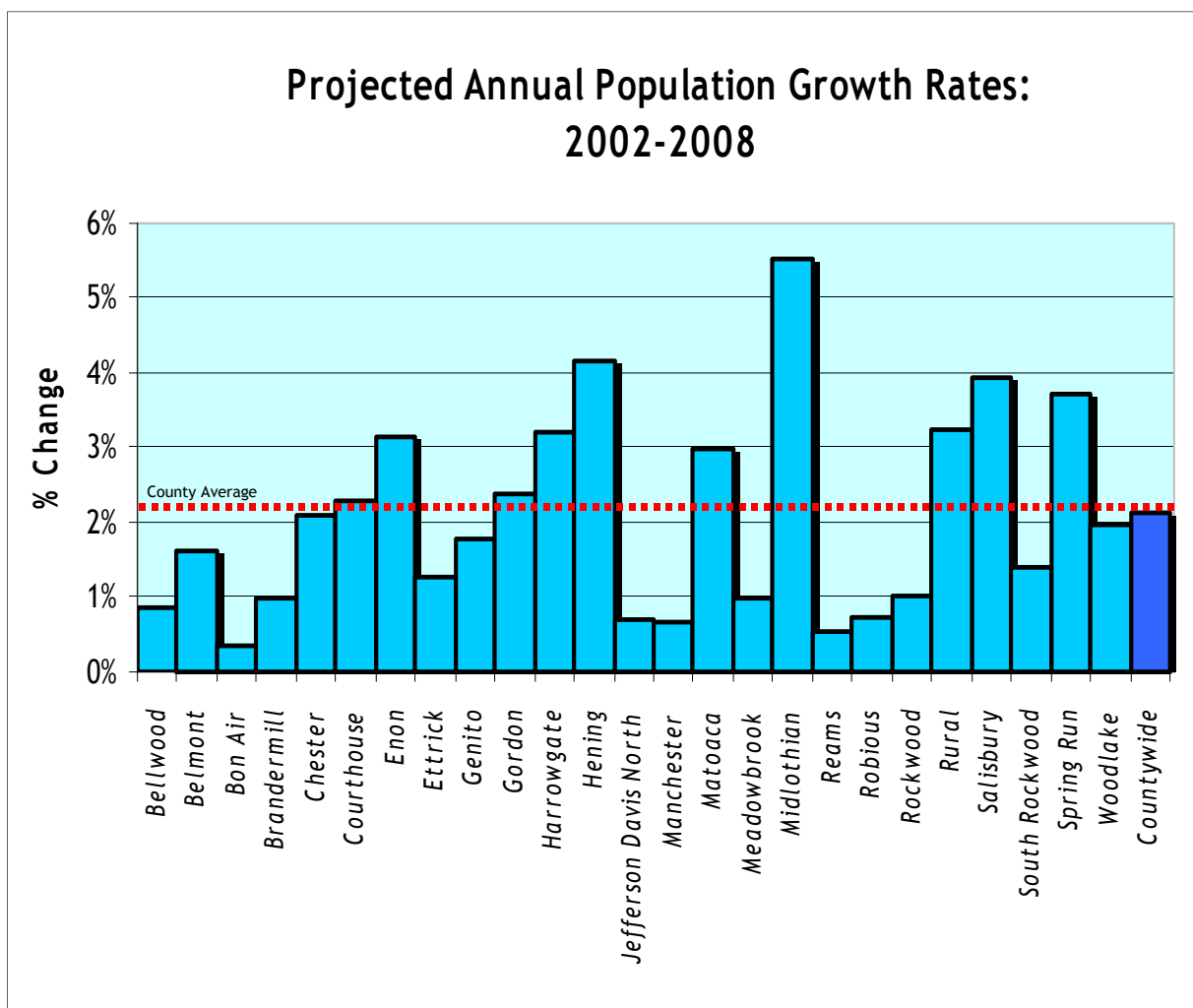




POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Where will we grow? The countywide growth rate is anticipated to be slightly higher during the next six years, with approximately 6,000 new residents added per year – an average increase of 2.1% per year. Projected high growth communities include Hening, Midlothian (5.5% per year), Salisbury, and Spring Run.

Projected slow growth communities include Bon Air, Manchester, Reams, and Robious.



Projected Annual Population GROWTH: 2002-2008

